

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 26-30 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1-23 are allowed. Claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 26, 27, 29 and 30 have been amended. The specification and drawings stand as filed.

Reconsideration of the objections and rejections set forth in the aforementioned Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. The basis for the amendments can be found throughout the Specification, Claims and Drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ring et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,794,739) in view of Dunkelow (U.S. Pat. No. 2,837,192). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to claim 26.

Regarding claim 26, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Ring et al. nor Dunkelow, either solely or in combination with one another teach or suggest a method of actuating a clutch in a power transmission device as defined by original claim 26. Specifically, claim 26 requires supplying a pressure signal from a pressure source to a primary pressure control unit where the primary pressure control unit communicates with a first control valve selectively coupling a low pressure source to the accumulator. Valves 74 and 76 of Ring et al. are not shown to be in communication with a primary pressure control unit. Furthermore, the step of supplying a pressure signal from the pressure source to a primary pressure control unit is not disclosed, taught or suggested in any of the references cited. In order to expedite allowance of the present application,

Applicants have amended claim 26 to include the limitations of independent claim 24 and dependent claim 25 to structure claim 26 as an independent claim. Furthermore, claim 27 has been amended to depend from arguably allowable amended claim 26. Applicants have cancelled claims 24 and 25. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 103 rejections and pass the case to allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-23.

Claims 29 and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claims 29 and 30 by rewriting them in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to claim 29 and 30.

CONCLUSION

All of the grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding office action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If it is believed that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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